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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### ANOTHER AIR RAID ATTEMPTED.

London, Dec. 23.  
It is officially announced that an  
air-raid was attempted at six o'clock  
in the evening, on the Kentish Coast.  
One raider was forced to descend  
near the coast and its crew of three  
were captured, alive.  
A second attack developed at half-  
past-nine and a few bombs were  
dropped on the Isle of Thanet, but  
there were no casualties and no  
damage was done.

LATER.  
The Press Bureau announces that  
in last night's air-raid there were no  
casualties and no damage was done.

### FOOD AND TONNAGE.

APPEAL BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE  
TO AGRICULTURISTS.

London, Dec. 22.  
Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a  
conference of the War Agricultural  
Committee, said the struggle had  
become largely a question of ton-  
nage, therefore, the home production  
must be intensified. We wanted  
3,000,000 acres cultivated and they  
had got 100 days in which to accom-  
plish the task. The Government  
hoped to release skilled ploughmen  
from the army and had decided to  
facilitate the employment of war  
prisoners. He appealed for the  
greater use of women on farms.  
There would be 8,000 tractors work-  
ing by the middle of March. He  
urged the County Committees to deal  
ruthlessly with farmers not making  
the best use of their land. In order  
to compensate for the loss of ships,  
many imports must be cut down and  
the deficiency in food must be made  
up; otherwise the fibre of the Race  
would deteriorate as had already  
happened in Germany.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### BRITISH FRONT.

London, Dec. 23.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
"We inflicted casualties in patrol  
encounters, to the south of Cambrai.  
There was increased activity by  
the hostile artillery, from Armentieres  
to Langemark."

#### BRITISH ADVANCE POSTS DRIVEN IN.

London, Dec. 23.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
Under cover of a heavy barrage,  
yesterday afternoon, the enemy  
locally attacked near the Ypres-  
Staden railway and drove in our  
advance posts a short distance on a  
700 yards front.  
There was hostile artillery activity  
at Gheluvelt and Poelcapelle.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message states:  
An enterprise on the Boesinghe-  
Staden railway resulted in the cap-  
ture of 80 English prisoners.

#### THE FRENCH FRONT.

Paris, Dec. 23.  
A communiqué states that there  
was artillery activity in various places  
including the Thier and Doller  
regions in Upper Alsace.

#### THE CZECHO-SLOVAK ARMY IN FRANCE.

London, Dec. 22.  
Reuter learns that the Czecho-  
Slovak Army in France will consist  
of at least 120,000 men, who are  
being Czech soldiers who had previ-  
ously surrendered to the Germans  
and returned.

#### RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

GERMANY WANTS OTHER BELLI-  
GERENTS TO PARTICIPATE.  
London, Dec. 22.  
The Times Petrograd Correspondent  
states that the German repre-  
sentative have emphasised the desir-  
ability of all belligerents participat-  
ing in the peace negotiations and it  
was accordingly decided to invite  
France, Great Britain, Italy and the  
United States to send delegates to  
the pourparlers.

The Germans are disposed to  
accept the principle of no annexa-  
tions and no indemnities, but have  
made reservations regarding the right  
of nationalities to dispose of them-  
selves.

#### "A POWERFUL ARMY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE KAISER."

A MAXIMALIST POSSIBILITY.  
Petersburg, Dec. 23.  
The Maximilian News Agency  
quotes M. Trotsky as saying:—  
"If the Kaiser were able to attack us  
and to propose peace terms onerous  
for the Revolution, we should create  
a powerful army to fight against the  
Kaiser."

Reuter's Correspondent at Petro-  
grad, telegraphing yesterday, states  
that M. Trotsky speaking at a meet-  
ing in celebration of the armistice  
said:—  
"We did not overthrow the  
Tsar and the Bourgeoisie in order to  
fall on our knees and beg the Kaiser  
for peace. If we are offered un-  
acceptable conditions we will ask the  
Constituent Assembly to decide, and  
if the Assembly agrees then the  
Maximalist Party will leave the  
Assembly and we will invoke all to  
a holy war against Imperialism in  
all countries. If owing to economic  
ruin, we are unable to fight for our  
ideals, we will tell our foreign com-  
rades that the struggle is not ended  
but only postponed similarly to 1905  
(the year when peace was signed  
with Japan)."

#### DISTINCTIONS OF ARMY RANK ABOLISHED.

OFFICERS MOBBED BY  
SOLDIERY.  
London, Dec. 23.  
The Morning Post Petrograd Cor-  
respondent states that a decree  
issued by the Bolsheviks abolishing  
distinctions of rank in the Army has  
caused an increase of murders of  
officers, especially in the Infantry.  
When the news of the decree reached  
the Front, the soldiers mobbed the  
officers and killed them if they  
refused to strip of their epaulettes,  
therefore, the officers largely donned  
muff and disappeared, many return-  
ing to their homes in Ukraine, the  
Caucasus and Siberia. But a great  
number of Russian officers are prac-  
tically prisoners among the men.  
GENERAL TCHERBACHEFF'S  
FORCES.  
London, Dec. 22.  
The Times Petrograd Correspondent  
states that M. Varkovsky, who  
was Minister of War under the  
Kerensky regime, has offered his ser-  
vices to the Ukraine Government,  
whose troops, under General Tcher-  
bacheff, are concentrating between  
Hemel and Haidach, while the  
Bolsheviks are concentrating at  
Minsk.  
General Druet is the head of  
force of Cossacks and Tatars  
arrived at Ufa, where they are  
the Bolsheviks are advancing from  
Samar.



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Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1917. 2404

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Macao, Public Works Department,  
18th December, 1917.

RAUL M. DE FARIA e MARIA,  
Engineer Director.  
Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1917. 2413

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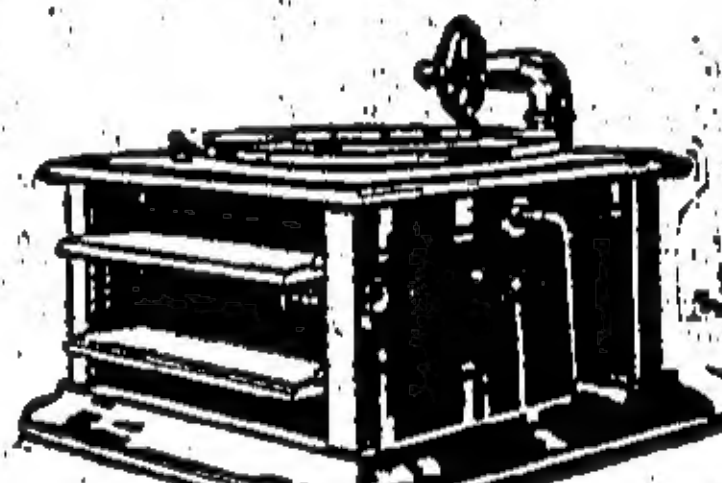
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## FUTURE OF MUSIC.

SIR T. BEECHAM'S VIEWS ON  
OPERA.

## DECLINE OF THE CONCERT.

Sir Thomas Beecham believes that the development of music in England in the immediate future will be in opera. In an interview recently he pointed out a simultaneous decline in the production of symphonic works and in the interest in concerts. With the symphonic masterpiece the English public is well acquainted, but there are sufficient unknown operatic masterpieces to provide an opera-house with a repertoire for thirty years.

It is very difficult, Sir Thomas said, to have a vital executive branch of art was produced almost every month at the time. Whereas thirty years ago there was produced almost every month all interesting symphonic work by composers such as Brahms, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Grieg, and Sibelius. For the last five or ten years those who give concerts have had the greatest difficulty in obtaining one interesting new work a year, and the average is growing less. This points to a gradual exhaustion in that branch of creative music. Simultaneously, nearly all over the country, there has been a decline of interest in concerts. None of the big festivals pay now, and quite a number of concert organisations have for years found it difficult to exist at all.

Now with regard to the opera, so far as this country is concerned, things are quite different. If you take, say, 200 opera-houses on the Continent, they have

a repertoire between them of something from 150 to 200 operas. If you take England as a whole there are very few people who know more than twenty operas—very few have heard even the names of more than twenty, and certainly not one man in a thousand can whistle the tunes of any operas outside those twenty. So, whereas the musical public is very well acquainted with most of the symphonic masterpieces, it is entirely ignorant of the opera. Further, whereas it is a matter of great difficulty for concert-givers to introduce new work of interest into their concert programmes, one could give any opera-house in this country a repertoire for the next thirty years consisting entirely of unknown operatic masterpieces. That is what I mean when I say that the theatre has a future in this country, because you cannot hide the light of these masterpieces under a bushel much longer. People will insist on having novelty and beauty combined, and they will find them in these unknown operas.

After an incidental reference to the "beneficial effect" of oratorio and the cantata on English singers, the effect being that the English singer was made to appear to have no artistic sense at all, Sir Thomas said that if the English singer was put into opera and assimilated its broad feeling he became like everyone else—an ordinary human being.

I believe, Sir Thomas proceeded, that the cultivation and development of opera in this country and the training of composers to write for the theatre—where they are brought in touch with an art form that develops not only every artistic resource they possess but also stimulates their faculties of common sense and their sense of the practical—I believe this will react with a most healthy influence on the symphonic school of composition. It is only through writing for the theatre that our composers generally will begin to be human beings and escape out of the dreadful region of Chaconne-town in which they have allowed themselves to drift. "It is almost impossible to give any English composition with effect and success to-day just as the composer hands it over to one, and that is because the composers have never had to do with an art form where proportion and brevity are essential; they are in the theatre. If every English composer would write two or three operas and go through all the necessary stages of training for it, we should have a different kind of music."

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CHINESE CONTROLLING AN  
IMPORTANT TRADE.VIEWS OF A JAPANESE  
INVESTIGATOR.

Mr. K. Nagamatsu, Chief of the Fishery Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, recently returned from a trip through the Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies, Malay Peninsula, Australia and other South Sea Islands, and delivered a lecture on conditions there at the Saiwai Club, Tokyo.

Mr. Nagamatsu was deeply impressed by the presence of the large number of Chinese in those regions, and by the fact that they are practically controlling the commerce, and that all foreign products imported have to pass through the hands of Chinese merchants, and a large percentage of these Chinese are wealthy. Mr. Nagamatsu said that the European people residing there do not treat the Chinese properly, and even the wealthy merchants are treated almost as slaves. Especially in the Dutch East Indies are they ill-treated, and while the European residents do not exert themselves for the development of the islands, the Chinese and half-bloods who are so earnestly working for the prosperity of the district are not appreciated, but on the contrary are mistreated.

JAPAN'S SMALL PART IN THE TRADE.  
After pointing out the various resources and natural products of these islands, Mr. Nagamatsu stated that Japanese trade with them should be encouraged. At present, the trade amounts to about 160,000,000 yen a year, but the total foreign trade of these islands is 4,040,000,000 yen, and so Japan enjoys less than one-thirtieth of the entire amount. Furthermore, the Japanese trade is one-sided, and the export is very small compared with the import, though there is a good field for the development of the trade, Japan being geographically so well situated towards these islands, should have a larger share of the trade. At present the Japanese exports consist only of articles of small value, and the higher and better grades of articles cannot successfully be supplied to the foreigners, Chinese and natives there. Mr. Nagamatsu emphasized the necessity of co-operation between the Chinese and Japanese, as the Chinese merchants practically monopolize the commerce, and all the Japanese articles imported are distributed by them.

On the fertile high plateau of Celebes, Count Otani, ex-Lord Abbot of the Fishi-Bongani, is opening a farm. Mr. Nagamatsu said that this land is rich in soil, and the natives cultivate rice. The district would be an ideal place for Japanese farmers to settle.

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T. DAIGO,  
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## THE CALENDAR.

### MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Christmas Day: General Holiday.

### GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28:—  
Boxing Day: General Holiday.  
1.30 and 4 p.m.—Football Charity Matches.

FRIDAY, Dec. 29:—

President Woodrow Wilson's birthday (1856).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Houghton.

3.30 p.m.—Final in Ladies' Tennis Singles Championship, I.R.C. ground.

5.45 p.m.—Total Eclipse of the Moon.

5.55 p.m.—Full Moon.

MONDAY, Dec. 31:—

Hogmanay.

5 p.m.—Sale of Rare British Colonial Stamps at Messrs Hughes and Houghton.

## VISITING CARDS

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China Mail Office.

Germany is making an effort to bring all the Powers at war to participate in the discussions which have begun on the Russian front. Alas, we know only too well that such a peace as Germany is now seeking is only a truce from which goodwill to men cannot possibly come. That the aggressive spirit in Germany which menaces the peace of the world has not yet been extirpated has been made abundantly plain in recent speeches and writings by many of her recognized leaders, and it is made manifest also in the remarkable threat of "a holy war" against the Kaiser which M. TROTSKY, the Russian leader, has felt himself compelled to threaten at a time when peace discussions between Germany and Russia are actually in progress. This can only be regarded as an indication of the claims which the "triumphant outlaw" is making on Russia. However, it is plain to all of us that the war is fast approaching its crisis, and we can only hope that before another Christmas comes round the world will be able to celebrate it with full confidence that the world for ages to come, if not for evermore, has been secured against aggression and the message of "Peace, goodwill to men" will have found its true and abiding fulfilment.

them to the sitting room for storage. During his absence the defendant was alleged to have taken a \$10 banknote from \$15 which were lying on the mantelpiece. The money was soon missed and ultimately it was found concealed in the hat defendant held in his hand. Defendant stated that a gust of wind blew down the \$10 note from the mantelpiece. He picked it up and intended to return it to the sergeant when the latter arrested him. No evidence was given by the magistrate to this story and he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

### THE BEST "BOY."

A Chinese was charged this morning with stealing a quantity of flowers and also with offering a silver watch and chain as a bribe to the looking who effected his arrest.

Inspector Kent stated that the looking arrested defendant as he was picking some flowers without permission. Defendant then offered a watch and chain to the constable to let him go.

Defendant pleaded guilty. He stated he was very sorry and hoped His Worship would overlook his offence. Mr. Vermey, of the Dutch Bank, stated that the defendant was his "boy." Defendant had been in his employ since 1916 and during that time he had no reason to believe defendant was not honest. Defendant probably did not realize his offence when he offered the bribe to the constable. He added that the boy was the best "boy" he had ever known in his life.

His Worship fined defendant \$5 and suspended his sentence for one year, ordering him to find two sureties of \$100 each to guarantee his appearance before the Court when called upon to do so.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie, and Mr. C. S. Gubbay have returned from Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes have also come down from Shanghai.

The death of the Venerable Archdeacon Louis Byrde, C.M.S., is just announced as having taken place on November 17th at Yenchow, Hunan.

The Fantastic Stars, delighted a large audience at the Victoria Theatre last night and they are commencing a three nights' season at the Bijou Theatre on Boxing Night.

There will be no issue of the China Mail to-morrow, Christmas Day, and on Boxing Day only the telegrams will be published. We take this opportunity of offering our readers the compliments of the Season.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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S. D. Lessner, an Austrian subject, has been fined \$150 at Nagasaki for selling three cows, and the Mother Superior of the French Convent, who bought one of them, was also fined under enemy trading regulations. Another enemy subject named Cohn was fined for insuring his property with a Japanese company. All the Japanese concerned are to be prosecuted.

### THE MAGISTRACY.

#### HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Chinese contractor charged another Chinese before Mr. Wood this morning with assault and also with the larceny of a revolver valued at \$40.

Inspector Angus stated that about noon on the 5th instant, the complainant on his return from Tientsin was set upon by two men, of whom defendant was one, near Saiwan Gap and assaulted him. There was a struggle and all of them rolled down the hillside. Complainant managed to take out his revolver and fired a shot at his assailants wounding one of them in the body. The assailants then snatched the revolver away from him and escaped. The complainant then made a report at the Police station and together with the Police went search for the wounded man whom they found concealed under some shrubs near the Saiwan filter beds. His Worship remanded the case until Thursday week.

#### THEFT OF \$10.

A scold was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with the theft of \$10 from Sergeant Smith, R.G.A., at St. Joseph's. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Smith gave evidence. He stated that on Saturday the defendant went into his house and the defendant was charged with the theft of \$10 from the sergeant's pocket. The defendant was charged with the theft of \$10 from the sergeant's pocket. The defendant was charged with the theft of \$10 from the sergeant's pocket.

### AMERICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION IN CHINA.

#### THE SUPERIOR IN HONGKONG.

The Very Rev. James A. Walsh of New York gave addresses at the Roman Catholic Cathedral and St. Joseph's Church yesterday morning. Father Walsh is Superior of the newly-formed American Missionary for Catholic Foreign Missions and has come to China to prepare the field for American priests, four of whom will come to this country next September.

Father Walsh spoke yesterday in anticipation of the feast of Christmas. The Christian world, he remarked, is on the eve of a commemoration that recalls the greatest event in history, the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Advent had commenced the long period of four thousand years during which the nations sat in darkness. A partial revelation had been given to the Jewish people upon whom God had lavished many favours, but theirs was an incomplete law and their light obscure. Outside of Israel, the darkness was practically complete and men not knowing God, had turned to the sun, the moon, the stars, and to the trees. They had formed images out of stone and wood, and had bowed down in abject adoration, as of a God to be propitiated lest wrath descend.

The end of Advent marked a dawning of the Light of Christ, and every Christian should in presence of the coming feast realize his privilege as such. The true Christian knows God as a Father who is acquainted with every need of every man. The true Christian sees in Christ, the Day, a clear one, manifested in words that cannot be mistaken when interpreted by the authority of Christ's Church. He sees the truth. The most difficult thing to find in the ordinary intercourse of human life is truth, but in what concerns eternal things, the true Christian recognises it without a doubt, and to him are pointed out the means to keep in view the end and to attain it.

### CHINESE AFFAIRS.

#### [The "China Mail" Service.]

#### A BEWILDERING SITUATION.

PEKING, Dec. 21.

The situation is most bewildering. While there is talk of an armistice and negotiations for peace, orders are being issued to mobilize. Only those with "inside" knowledge know what is happening.

Li Shun's representatives, in an interview with the President, stated that Kwangtung and Kwangsi were earnestly desirous of peace. They also reported their fear that the troops of Chihli and Shantung would be unable to appear at the front, and they asked the President to peremptorily decide on an early peace. They made the further request that the Shantung troops should not take the Fukow route.

#### LATER.

According to authoritative information a proclamation is about to be issued stopping the fighting the Premier having already arranged with the Southern representatives to summon a new Parliament according to the old Constitution, and the Provisional Senate is also willing to sacrifice itself.

#### CABINET TO BE AGAIN REORGANIZED.

PEKING, Dec. 23.

Owing to disagreements regarding policy the Cabinet is likely to be reorganized.

Wong Shi Chen being unable to carry out his peace policy is likely to resign.

Lu Chang Chang may act as Premier.

#### PUBLIC CONFIDENCE SHAKEN BY GOVERNMENT BANKS.

Government banks have entirely suspended cash payments and notes have declined to half their face value.

Luk Wing Tung has telegraphed requesting the recall of troops from Szechuan and Hunan, in order to accelerate peace negotiations.

#### THE JAPANESE MINISTER.

The Japanese Minister is returning home in connection with the reconsideration of Japan's policy in China.

#### TERRIBLE FLAQUE EPIDEMIC IN KHANSAI.

PEKING, Dec. 22. Telegrams from Shansi report a terrible outbreak of plague. It is believed to be pneumonic. It is terribly infectious and the victim lasts not more than a couple of days.

#### UNNECESSARY WORKS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of opposition to the proposed extension of the railway from the interests of the late railway? The proposed extension is a matter of public interest and should be discussed on its merits and demerits. The proposed extension is a matter of public interest and should be discussed on its merits and demerits.

## SPORTING.

### FOOTBALL.

#### SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

##### 1ST DIVISION LEAGUE.

#### HONGKONG F. C. v. MIDDLESEX.

This match was played on the Club's ground play commencing at 4 p.m. The game was keenly contested, both teams began the attack and within a few minutes of play, Stalker managed to score from a scrimmage in front of the Middlesex goal. The Middlesex responded vigorously and carried the game into their opponents' territory. An exciting scramble took place before the Club's goal, but the attack resulted in nothing. Walden again got possession of the ball and from a fine pass by him, Savers sent in a fast ground shot which beat Goldenberg. The Club again attacked and some fine work was done by Irvine but no further scores were made. Shortly before the interval Croxton of the Middlesex met with an accident. He was in sole possession of the ball at the moment, but tripped and fell, his head being severely hurt. The Middlesex had to play a man short in the second half and as the result their game was mostly on the defensive with occasional breakaways which were not considered dangerous. Turner made many fine saves. A fast shot from Chassel saved at the expense of a corner which the Club failed to profit by. From the spectators' point of view, the game was somewhat marred by rough indulgences on the part of some of the Club's players—though they were not the only offenders—frequently occasioning disputes on the field. Result: Hongkong F. C. 1 goal; Middlesex 1 goal. The teams: Club—Goldenberg, Cave, Mo Cobby, Reibelman, Stewart, Rodger, McLennan, Chassel, Gerrard, Irvine and Stalker. Middlesex—Reg. Turner, Fawthrop, Fisher, Turner, Fawcett, Fossey, Walden, Savers, Jarvis, Beed, Sorocutan. Referee Mr. Tucker.

##### 2ND DIVISION.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE v. 3RD CO. R.G.A.

This match was played on the Navy ground, play commencing about half an hour late. There was very little to choose between the two teams, the Collegians making up for their lack of height and weight by their swiftness on the ball. Omar, the College left wing, was very quick on the ball and his speed made him very dangerous throughout the game. The Collegians began the attack, but Taylor was in fine form and was not easily beaten. By dint of persistent efforts the Collegians managed to score a goal. E. R. Hyndman being the scorer. In the second half the Collegians again made another goal from a pass by Omar. The game ended with a win for the St. Joseph's College at 2-0 goals.

Team—3rd R.G.A.: Taylor, Ogden, Astwood, Garner, Long, Wright, Swan, Butler, Perkins, Nichols, Hammond.

St. Joseph's College: U.M. Omar (Capt.), A. Jackson, E. P. Hyndman, A. M. Stephen, H. Johnson, S. A. Marcell, W. C. Ogle, R. E. Hyndman, E. R. Hyndman, W. Bandman, R.M. Omar.

#### KOWLOON v. 8TH CO. R.G.A.

This game proved a great surprise. It was expected that after their defeat by the Staff and Departments last week that the Kowloon would be easily beaten, but they surprised their supporters by putting up an excellent game and effected a draw. The game was very even Tatum opening the score with a goal for Kowloon, but this was soon equalized by Turner who headed the ball into the goal from a scramble at the goal mouth.

In the second half of the game Small managed to break through the Kowloon defenses by a great individual effort and sent in a shot which Jennings failed to clear. It looked as if the soldiers had already won, but Kowloon eventually equalized with a goal by Sutton from a fine pass. K.C.C. Jennings, White, Yuen; Van Langenberg, Jones, Rasmussen; Mason, Moosden, Vasco, Tatum, Sutton, Small, Knight, Waite, Hancock, Higham, Bone, Waddison, Small, Turner, Mc Gregor, Bricknell. Referee—Lieut. Dickinson.

#### THE ALLEGED SHANGHAI FRAUDS.

##### CARNEIRO ARRESTED IN JAPAN.

Information has been received in Shanghai confirming the arrest in Japan of J. L. Carneiro, the stockbroker wanted in connection with the alleged large frauds which were made known to the public recently.

L. C. Leno, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and R. Carneiro, of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, who are alleged to have fled in connection with the same affair are now definitely stated to be in Nagasaki, but whether they are under arrest or merely under the surveillance of the Japanese police authorities has not yet transpired.

The wife, daughter and father-in-law of R. Carneiro, who were arrested on warrants issued by the Portuguese Consul-General charged with making false declarations, have been released.

One other arrest was made on the 17th inst. On a warrant taken out by the Portuguese Consul-General, R. H. Almeida was arrested and charged with making false declarations.

A number of Chinese banks appeared before the court and pleaded guilty to the frauds and were fined. The names of the banks and the amounts of the fines are as follows:—

## CHRISTMAS.

### A MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT OF CHINA.

The N. C. Daily News in a special Christmas Supplement prints the following interesting message (translated) to the subjects and citizens of the Allied and neutral nations resident in China:—

"The holidays, like the customs of all peoples, differ greatly in form but are essentially the same in spirit. With this Christmas holiday, as it is universally observed among Western peoples, are associated many high ideals which have been cherished by the Chinese people for countless generations. It is in this happy season that home ties are strengthened and the virtues which grow out of family relations are impressed upon the members of millions of families. Friendships are cemented by a generous exchange of gifts and tokens and the words 'peace and good will' are in every mouth. The principles of the family are to the Chinese the root of all virtuous actions. The ties of friendship are with us only less sacred than family ties, and nothing is so dear to the great mass of the Chinese people as peace, which prevails as the spirit of this Christmas festival. The Chinese people, therefore, have every reason to participate sincerely in the felicitations of this season."

"As family relations are now closely knit, so should the relationships of the great family of nations; which are waiting for a permanent peace on this earth, be closer, and our mutual interest in the attainment of international peace and good will should be emphasized. Therefore, I, the President of the Republic of China, take pleasure, on behalf of the Chinese people, in participating in the spirit of this international holiday and in wishing the subjects and citizens of the Allied and neutral countries who are now resident in China and who participate so sympathetically in our national festivals, a very merry Christmas."

### FENG KUO-CHANG.

#### SINGAPORE SPORTING CLUB LOTTERY.

#### RESULT OF THE DRAWING.

The Singapore Sporting Club "Our Day" War Loan Lottery reached \$800,000. The first prize, thus amounting to \$150,000, the second to \$80,000 and the third to \$30,000, while there were 80 prizes of \$1,800 each and 100 of \$1,200 each. The sum of \$150,000, twenty-five per cent. of the total, goes to the "Our Day" Fund.

The drawing, which was watched by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. F. S. James, O.M.G.), resulted as follows:—

First Prize—Ticket 327. Held by Mr. Somasundaram Chetty, of 32, Market Street, Singapore.

Second Prize—Ticket 23750. Held by Mr. Tan Chin Watt and Mr. Chan Gook Eng, of 2, Khoo Cheng Road, Malacca.

Third Prize—Ticket 30175. Held by Mr. Mark L. Smith, of 9, Chowghee, Calcutta.

Appended is a list of the smaller winning numbers. These and the numbers given above are official.

50 PRIZES OF \$1,800 EACH.

31492	18933	42391
19946	28927	45099
29553	34651	41884
41703	22324	42465
52578	51874	16186
19316	4053	6847
8735	15002	33419
6477	45902	9762
59999	53353	17353
40831	28079	461
68328	39615	25714
26799	15347	28389
14383	17384	48429
16242	9466	23495
42811	41224	49341
15511	15508	25330
54932	18608	

100 PRIZES OF \$1,200 EACH.

36203	2449	51717
54398	35945	32747
59228	37667	46096
34477	18283	19927
51983	42124	2109
2035	21191	50894
20082	17191	56315
41593	39853	1749
16283	37086	6274
24442	9226	126
36933	8080	43475
36395	39104	20579
37275	54883	22825
19805	34378	8625
62110	58224	20559
37959	39885	53186
41105	622	21825
31998	8040	36992
46356	10255	45911
45917	27705	53341
13922	10588	38921
27059	39840	14316
16140	39884	27399
13904	13212	46161
37487	38072	19762
5834	1802	40922
54129	41408	14443
13358	54760	53822
15625	975	53723
21525	1077	26715
21044	115	6118
418		



## TELEGRAMS.

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## AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

## THE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

London, Dec. 22.

Reuter's Petrograd Correspondent reports that the *Pravda* states the Ukrainian troops have occupied the Headquarters of all the Staffs on the Rumanian and South-Western Fronts, seizing the telegraph and wireless plant.

The two Fronts are now united into a single Ukrainian Front, of which General Teherbachoff is the Commander-in-Chief.

All the Cossacks in Ukraine have been ordered to mobilize.

All the Ukrainian Soviets, Peasants' Councils and Deputies are supporting the Reds.

Ukraine is now issuing its own paper money.

## KALEDIN'S COSSACK GOVERNMENT RESIGNS.

General Kaledin and the Cossack Military Government have resigned in order to allow of the formation of a strong popular Government. General Kaledin declares that he withdraws, owing to his unpopularity with the troops at the Front, who refuse to obey him in consequence of misrepresentation by his enemies. He says he sacrifices his interests to those of his country.

## GERMAN SOLDIERS UNAFFECTED BY FRATERNIZING.

London, Dec. 22.

The *Daily Mail* Petrograd Correspondent states that the German soldiers in Poland are practically unaffected by fraternizing. Individual soldiers refused to carry out orders, but examples were made of them and discipline was restored.

The Bolshevik troops sent to Kiev have been held up by the railway being broken.

Serious rioting has broken out in various places in Finland.

## THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing today, states that the results of 377 elections to the Constituent Assembly are known to include 200 Social Revolutionaries, 107 Maximilists, 23 Ukrainian Social Revolutionaries and 12 Cadeis.

## MARTIAL LAW AT MOSCOW.

The breach between the Peoples' Commissioners and the Executive of the Railway Union is growing. The latter has transferred its Headquarters to Moscow where the Soviet has now proclaimed martial law.

## ORGIES IN PETROGRAD.

Despite martial law in Petrograd, the sacking of wine stores continues, accompanied by orgies, looting, and much shooting. Armoured cars are dispersing the participants in the street pogroms.

## WORKMEN'S CONTROL OF MINING PRODUCTION.

The Peoples' Commissioners have confiscated the property of a mining company which had refused to submit to the decree establishing the workmen's control of the production of the Vestnaks.

## ANTI-REVOLUTION PLOT.

The Petrograd *Pravda* states that hundreds of proclamations, signed by the so-called International Workers, have been found in the residence of a Cadet Professor, in connection with an anti-revolution plot.

## FOREIGNERS' LANDED PROPERTY CONFISCATED.

M. Trozky announces that landed property of foreigners is subject to confiscation, the same as that of Russians.

## THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.

The Peace Conference has decided that the chief representative of each Power shall preside alternately. The chief Russian representative stated the well-known Russian peace programme, of which the representatives of the other Powers then began their examination.

## RAILWAY MANAGERS ABOLISHED.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.

The Commissioners have telegraphed to all railwaymen to take the control of the railways into their own hands and to abolish the high railway posts, such as Managers and Heads of Departments.

The Commissioners have also ordered the stoppage of defensive works on the Russian Front, the dismissal of the local workmen and the disbandment of the technical staffs.

## INCOMPLETE HOSPITAL RETURNS.

The returns from the hospitals are still most incomplete. There were 250 casualties in the sacking of the wine stores in Petrograd.

## THE ODESSA DISTURBANCES.

London, Dec. 22.

The *Times* Odessa Correspondent states that the disturbances in Odessa have subsided. Latterly, they degenerated into the sacking of wine stores and other excesses. The trouble began by the shooting of a young Jew by the Chief of the Red Guards. During the subsequent fighting eight wine stores were looted, in one day, including 20,000 bottles in one store. The Guards who were sent to restore order, joined the looters and finally both sides of the Soviet and the Reds met and appointed a committee jointly to restore order.

## AN ARMY CORPS OF GERMAN EX-PRISONERS.

London, Dec. 22.

The *Times* Petrograd Correspondent says the evening newspapers say that the ex-German Military Attaché and the ex-German Military Plenipotentiaries to the Tsar are forming an Army Corps at Petrograd, composed of German prisoners of war, with the consent of the Russian authorities.

## A BITTER ATTACK ON AMERICA AND BRITAIN.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.

Owing to the armistice, on the Rumanian Front, Mr. Anderson, the head of the American Red Cross Mission in Rumania, telegraphed to his agent in Petrograd as follows: "Send all automobiles possible to Eastoff, from where it is intended to ship them to Mesopotamia."

This telegram, together with a telegram from the American Ambassador, authorizing Mr. Anderson to draw 100,000 roubles came to the knowledge of the Maximilists and led to a bitter attack on America and Great Britain by M. Trozky, owing to the Maximilist suspicion that the Americans were assisting General Kaledin.

After declaring that in the affair in connection with M. Tchicherin, an interned Russian in London who was appointed Russian Ambassador in London by M. Trozky, the Maximilists had shown Sir George Buchanan their revolutionary dignity proving that they had not acted under the influence of the Anglo-American bourgeoisie. M. Trozky continued: "If diplomats interfere in our affairs they cease to be diplomats and become private adventurers on whom the heavy hand of the Revolution will have no mercy."

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, Dec. 22.

An Italian official message states: "Despite adverse atmospheric conditions in the Mount Asolone region, we progressed and repulsed a counter-attack."

## GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message states: Italian attacks in the afternoon and evening at Monte Asolone and on the heights to the west were unsuccessful.

## LOCAL ENCOUNTERS.

London, Dec. 23.

An Italian official report states: "There were local encounters on the whole of the main Front."

We repulsed, heavily, strong enemy parties at Posina, to the south-east of Anagni in the Frenze Valley and on the southern slopes of Sessoroso.

## GERMAN REPORT.

A German official report states: Italian thrusts on the heights to the east of Monte Asolone, failed.

## THE CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUM IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Dec. 22.

The latest Referendum figures show:—

Against conscription ..... 923,000  
For ..... 749,000

The figures are not complete.

Later:—

The totals of the Referendum on Conscription are:—

Against ..... 938,000  
For ..... 764,000

## BRITISH BOARDING STEAMER TORPEDOED.

London, Dec. 22.

The Admiralty announces that the British armed boarding steamer, *Stephen Furness*, was torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Channel.

Six officers and 65 men were lost.

## BOMBS IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.

Five bombs were thrown on the district of Goos in the province of Zealand, on Saturday evening. Several houses were damaged but there were no casualties.

## FOMENTING REVOLUTION IN INDIA.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.

George Rodick, the ex-German Consul at Honolulu, has been fined \$10,000 for fomenting a revolution in India.

## TRAFFIC TO ENEMY COUNTRIES BY SWEDISH SHIPS.

New York, Dec. 23.

An extensive traffic in correspondence to Germany and Austria smuggled by the crews of mainly Swedish ships, has been discovered and arrests are imminent.

## FOOD CONTROL AT HOME.

London, Dec. 23.

By order of the Food Controller the Food Officers in the various Boroughs, yesterday, took an inventory of the margarine stocks of the multiple shops and had the supplies distributed among the small shopkeepers, thus the queues, in many instances, disappeared.

The Food Controller has now ordered the extension of the Local Committees' powers to all essential articles.

Lord Rhonda has proposed to the shipowners that every ship on its way to England should utilise every inch of space for storing food for Great Britain.

## PLOTS AGAINST CANADA.

New York, Dec. 22.

Five defendants, including two women, have been convicted of conspiracy, at the Detroit Federal Court, for conducting military enterprises in the United States against Canada and specifically, for attempting to destroy the Windsor Armouries and a tunnel at Port Huron.

## GERMAN AGENT ARRESTED IN AMERICA.

London, Dec. 22.

Federal agents in Brooklyn have arrested a man named Gustavo Myers who went to the United States on the outbreak of the war. He is charged with exporting foodstuffs, valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, to Germany, via Sweden.

## "VOHWARTS" AGAIN SUSPENDED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.

The *Voorwaerts* has been suspended for three days, evidently owing to the article regarding the food situation.

The President of the Austrian Food Board states that Austria and Germany are occupied with the question of transporting foodstuffs from Russia, but as the Danube is already freezing, large supplies cannot be expected by this route before March.

## THE PALESTINE OPERATIONS.

London, Dec. 21.

## FURTHER ADVANCE.

An official message from Palestine states that our troops, crossing the Naherlanja at midnight on December 20-21 on rafts and light bridges, seized Khurbethadrah, Sheimunnania, Tellerkeit and El Makhra near the river mouth, taking 305 prisoners. Other forces captured Rasasamy, to the north east of Bethany, beating off three counter-attacks.

The captures since the commencement of the operations are 99 guns and howitzers, 400 limbers and wagons, 110 machine guns, 7,000 rifles, and a large quantity of ammunition and stores.

## MOUNT OF OLIVES AS AN OBSERVATION POST.

London, Dec. 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at Army Headquarters in Palestine states that the Mount of Olives makes the most wonderful observation post in the world, the clear atmosphere causing 6,000 yards off to look a pistol shot away. The Jordan's winding course is clearly visible and also the motor boats, skimming the Dead Sea.

## KRUPP'S FACTORY REPORTED ON FIRE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.

An unconfirmed, but circumstantial report states that Krupp's factory is on fire.

## THE INDICTMENT OF M. CAILLAUX.

Paris, Dec. 23.

The Chamber was crowded when he report of the Committee on the indictment of M. Caillaux said M. Loustlot was read.

Both most indignantly protested at the charges, M. Caillaux maintaining that he had always saved France and never attempted overtures to the enemy.

The Chamber voted for the withdrawal of parliamentary immunity unanimously in the case of M. Loustlot, and by 41 votes to 2 in the case of M. Caillaux.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## REPORTED GERMAN PEACE OVERTURES.

Washington, Dec. 22.

Mr. Lansing, commenting on the purported German Christmas peace overtures, circulated here through "neutral channels," said that he had had close contact with the State Department. The attitude of the United States was not changed, being in accord with the Allied terms for restoration and reparation by Germany.

## AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

## UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS ARRESTED IN PETROGRAD.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.

Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing yesterday, states: "The Red Guards, at three o'clock in the morning, surrounded and invaded the premises of the Ukrainian Revolutionary Staff and arrested four members who were present. A search is being instituted for other members of the Staff, which constituted the sole official representatives of the Reds at Petrograd."

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## THE SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS SWEEP.

London, Dec. 21.

## ACTION FOR LIBEL IN HONG KONG COURT.

On Monday last before Mr. J. F. Perkins, American Consul and Magistrate at the case of H. D. Wong v. Mr. Wong was commenced. The case took the form of an action for libel, the sum claimed for damages being \$35,000 with interest to the date of payment. The plaintiff also asked for costs in the action and such other and further relief as to the Court might seem just and proper.

Mr. Wong conducted his own case, with the assistance of Mr. Haskell, and Mr. J. C. Godfrey defended.

Plaintiff in opening his own case, said that it was with considerable regret that he was forced to take up the Court's time with his own troubles and that it had been necessary to bring an action of that kind at all. Were it not for the fact that a case of this kind and facts of this kind vitally affected him in his law practice and his life in Shanghai he would not have started such an action or think it necessary to do so, but when a man heard that scandalous rumours were being circulated about his name and he learned further that such false statements had been made against him, it was necessary to take such steps to bring the matter before the authorities.

## THE PLAINTIFF'S CASE.

Plaintiff then went on to read the petition which set out that on or about November 10, 1917, the plaintiff purchased with his own funds eight \$10 tickets in the Champion Sweepstakes, and gave to the defendant, as a gift, a certain sum of money. One of the eight tickets was one of the favourite pools and afterwards the first prize in the sweepstakes. Prior to the race and with the defendant's knowledge, consent and ratification plaintiff sold a half interest in the ticket for \$10,000. The defendant with his promise and gift to the defendant, the plaintiff duly paid to the defendant half of his winnings on the tickets, the defendant receiving \$24,500.

Subsequently, between November 15 and 30 the defendant maliciously and falsely alleged to various reputable persons that \$30 was given to him by his mother to purchase tickets in the Champion Sweepstakes, that the money was handed to the plaintiff for the purchase of the tickets and that he bought the tickets with the \$30 defendant gave him. The plaintiff then said that he paid for none of the tickets himself but claimed an interest in them for having purchased them and because they were in his possession, that the plaintiff sold one half of the winning ticket for \$10,000 without the defendant's knowledge, consent or ratification. The defendant, therefore, claimed that he was entitled to and should receive half of the entire prize of \$70,000, but instead of that he received only a quarter of the prize, plus half of the \$10,000, namely \$34,500 in all.

Plaintiff urged that by these statements the defendant meant and was understood to mean that the plaintiff had grossly taken advantage of him, and had demanded, kept and withheld an exorbitant sum for purchasing the tickets claimed to have been sold for by the defendant, whereby the plaintiff had gained great financial benefit to the damage and loss of the defendant. Plaintiff urged that the defendant meant and was understood to mean that the plaintiff was guilty of a breach of trust in his conduct of the sale of half the ticket. He said he was never asked to consent to the sale.

In answer to Mr. Godfrey, the defendant conveyed the impression that he had provided the money for the purchase of the tickets and had agreed to give half shares with Mr. Wong to the plaintiff. Witness considered, on Wong's story, that Mr. Wong was entitled only to \$16,000 for which he had sold half the ticket—Mr. Wong's share. This was witness's opinion if Wong's story were true. If those facts should ultimately turn out to be true he would certainly suggest he was accusing the plaintiff of dishonesty. What Wong said meant to the witness that he had a doubt over the matter. Witness did not think from what the defendant said that there was a fraud or a breach of trust; he merely looked upon it as a dispute over the matter.

Witness went to the races on the day of the Champions at about 2.30 p.m. Wong was at the Louisa Station when witness left. He would, in the ordinary course, go on duty at 4 p.m. Witness walked slowly to the race course in about 10 minutes, arriving there at a quarter of an hour before the race was run.

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## A CONVERSATION WITH DETECTIVE.

Inspector A. Tak of Louisa Police Station gave evidence of a conversation with the defendant on the evening of the day the Champions were run. The defendant alleged that tickets had been bought with his money. Wong said he had written to plaintiff for the tickets but instead of sending them the plaintiff had taken away from him the money for purchasing them. Wong said he had taken away from him the money for purchasing them.

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Wong, in answer to witness said, knew nothing about the sale of half the ticket. He said he was never asked to consent to the sale.

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